

HER LOVE FOR HER STEPFATHER

Led Girl To Plan Murder
Of Mother.

KILLING DONE SO CLEVERLY

Coroner Was Deceived and
Rendered Verdict Of Ac-
cidental Death.

TELL-TALE LETTERS REVEAL IT

Galesburg, Ill., Jan. 21.—Robert Higgins confessed here that he murdered his wife at New Henderson, Ill., January 5, so he would be free to marry his stepdaughter, Julia Flake, 15 years old.

He was arrested after the girl told State's Attorney John M. Wilson, of Mercer county, of her infatuation for Higgins and that she implored him to dispose of her mother, who, she said, was the only obstacle between her and happiness.

The prosecutor hesitated to believe the girl's story of the extraordinary pact she entered into with her stepfather, but she told how they had schemed for hours devising a plan which would make Mrs. Higgins' death appear accidental. She said she was in the next room when Higgins fired the shotgun which brought instant death to her mother.

She told how Higgins raved and struggled with neighbors for possession of the gun, saying he would end his life. Then, when the excitement subsided somewhat, she said they explained that Higgins had been cleaning the gun, and it had been accidentally discharged.

Their story was so convincing that the coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death. Later C. W. Ernst, a maternal uncle of the girl, took two letters written by Julia Flake—one to herself and one to his daughter—to State's Attorney Wilson. In these letters the girl offered part of a legacy of \$7,000 she is to receive when she becomes of age provided they would help her to kill her mother. Mr. Wilson thought the letters were written in a fit of anger, but he investigated.

Saturday he called in State's Attorney A. J. Bontelle, of Knox county, and Sunday they went to see Julia, who was at the home of another uncle, A. J. Ernst, at Hermon. They were astounded by her story. Higgins, who is 26 years old, and several years the junior of the woman he killed, was found Monday at New Henderson. He was questioned for several hours and made many contradictions. Enroute to the county jail at Aledo, in an automobile, he broke down.

"I can't stand it any longer," he moaned. "I'll tell everything."

The journey was interrupted at Alexis, where Higgins was taken into a bank office and signed a type-written confession.

He gave what he said were all the details of the murder plot, and asserted his infatuation for his stepdaughter was the cause of it all. He said that Mrs. Higgins became suspicious of his relations with her daughter and they planned to get rid of her.

The girl, who is at the home of an aunt here, became hysterical on learning that Higgins' confession.

Turns Against Stepfather.

Galesburg, Ill., Jan. 22.—Robert Higgins in jail at Aledo, Ill., to-day expressed his determination to fight for his freedom despite his confession of murdering his wife. He said his conscience was clear, and he would establish his innocence. He said he did not know there was a shell in the gun when he pulled the trigger.

Higgins' attorneys are said to have advised their client to plead guilty, and rest on the court's mercy, but are now considering an insanity plea.

Julia to-day turned upon her stepfather, and said he tempted her, and she would go on the witness stand and send him to the gallows. It was her fifteenth birthday. For the first time she seemed to realize the gravity of her crime in plotting her mother's death.

Lippincott's For February.

The February Lippincott's deals with everything that is timely, without sacrificing literary charm and with no ephemeral makeshifts. The leading feature is, of course, the complete novel—a romance of war-ridden Mexico, entitled "The Message of the Sword," by Clinton Dan-gerfield.

Another remarkable feature of the issue is a paper on "Modern Sibyls," by Lady Ritchie, daughter of William Makepeace Thackeray. In

it she discourses most entertainingly on the famous literary women who have been known. Samuel Scoville gives us another of his sparkling articles on modern methods of swindling—"Trappers of Men." The National Currency Bill is fully described in a financial article by Edward Sherwood Mead, Ph. D. Other papers of importance are "St. Valentine's Day," by Edwin L. Sabin; "Lower Prices for Theater Tickets," by Robert Grau; and "Futile Railings," by Minna Thomas Antrim.

The singularly telling short-stories are: "The Home of the Happy Lady," by Florence Seiden Peple; "Mixed Doubles," by Owen Oliver; "When Lummox Gets a Head Mark," by T. C. McConnell; "The Other Man's Story," by Kenneth Groesbeck; and "The Missus and the Kids," by Harold Playter.

Bible Facts.

Do you realize that there are 80,000 college men in 18 different countries in voluntary Bible classes? Also that 350,000 young men were reported last year as members of the Baraca Bible classes?

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Also that 28,562 students took short courses of Bible study in 490 different institutions of the country?

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AND PUTS UP A SCRAP

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"We were making a coffin," George Ryecoch told the court, "and I told Clyde Olin, who works with me at the casket factory, that the coffin was 5 feet 4 inches long, just my height. He bet me that it wasn't. I crawled into it to prove it, and then he screwed down the lid. When I got out I tried to lick him."

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"I shall not prosecute," said Mrs. Foster, who has borne Foster seven children and is still attractive. "I think it is better for all of us to let Mrs. Deane have Mr. Foster. I only hope she will serve him as faithfully as I have done."

Foster was relieved when told of his wife's decision.

"I am glad she has decided to view the matter so sensibly," he said. "If she had taken that view long ago this trouble would have been avoided. Mrs. Deane and myself are physical and spiritual affinities and we cannot keep apart. I shall get a divorce and marry Mrs. Deane, though the ceremony will be purely conventional, as we are already spiritually wedded."

"I am going to continue in the Baptist ministry. I have done nothing for which I should be excluded from the pulpit. I know that the world is holding up its hands in horror at what I have done, but I do not think I have committed any sin in view of the circumstances, and I feel serene in the conviction that I will be amply forgiven for what I have done."

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We are now informed that the Balkan War cost \$745,000,000 and that the net result has been the killing of 228,000 men. The per capita price seems to be a very high one, something over \$3,000; but then what can one expect from these primitive people unversed in the methods of civilized commerce? Recent police disclosures in New York show that the average price of a murder is about \$25, and probably even this price could be reduced on taking a quantity. Evidently the Balkan peoples have much to learn both in markets and marksmanship.—[The Argonaut.]

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December 13, 1911—The Delhi, wrecked off Cape Spartel. Eighty-nine passengers and crew rescued by warships, which responded to wireless call.

April 13, 1912—Titanic wrecked, seven hundred and three survivors

were rescued from open boats by vessels in response to wireless signals sent out before ship sank.

January 16, 1913—Veronese, wrecked on rocks near Portugal; 204 lives saved by means of life line from ships which responded to wireless call.

September 30, 1913—Templemore burned 800 miles off United States; wireless signals picked up by Arcadia, which rescued 34.

October 10, 1913—Vulturino, burned 980 miles west of Ireland; 11 vessels responded to wireless signals and rescued 321 persons.

January 14, 1914—Cobequid, went on rocks off Nova Scotia; 120 rescued, after wireless signals of distress.

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